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SUBJ: FRENCH PREMIER ENDS BRIEF VISIT TO CHAD WITH SIGNATURE
NEW ACCORDS

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BEGIN SUMMARY

1. FRENCH PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC ARRIVED NDJAMENA
0900 MARCH 5 AND DEPARTED 1100 MARCH 6, ACCOMPANIED BY TEN
MAN OFFICIAL DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED MINISTER COOPERATION
LIPKOWSKI AND MFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GEORGY. PRESIDENT
MALLOUM AND PRIMIN CHIRAC SIGNED TEN AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR
FUTURE FRANCO/CHADIAN COOPERATION WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY
WORKING LEVEL DELEGATIONS OVER PAST WEEK. GOC DID ALL POSSIBLE
TO HONOR PRIME MINISTER, INCLUDING DECLARING MARCH 5 NATIONAL
HOLIDAY. VISIT APPARENT MILD SUCCESS FOR BOTH GOF AND GOC
THANKS TO TOLERANCE GOF AND WILLINGNESS MEET MOST GOC DEMANDS.
FOREIGN MINISTER IN MARCH 8 PRESS CONFERENCE COULD NOT REFRAIN,
HOWEVER, FROM LIGHTLY SALTING FRENCH ABRASIONS. END SUMMARY.
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2. AGREEMENTS INCLUDED: (A) CONVENTION FOR PROVISION FRENCH TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WITH SEPARATE ACCORDS CONCERNING MILITARY, JUDICIARY, TEACHING, FINANCES, AND CHADIAN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION; (B) CONVENTION ESTABLISHING MIXED COMMISSION TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORDS; (C) ACCORDS ON CULTURAL COOPERATION; (D) HIGHER EDUCATION; (E) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION INCLUDING EXCHANGE LETTERS REGARDING TAXES; (F) LEGAL COOPERATION; (G) MEDICAL COOPERATION; (H) MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN CUSTOMS OPERATION; (I) TECHNICAL MILITARY COOPERATION; AND (J) CONVENTION GOVERNING RULES AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH GOF WILL PARTICIPATE IN FORMATION OF DEFENSE ELEMENTS OF GOC.

3. AS GOC MEDIA HAVE CAREFULLY POINTED OUT, NEW ACCORDS DO NOT COVER SEVERAL AREAS WHICH 1960 AGREEMENTS COVERED, SPECIFICALLY, FOREIGN POLICY, DEFENSE AGREEMENT ANNEXES OF WHICH PROVIDED FOR FRENCH BASE AND CONTROL OVER STRATEGIC PRODUCTS; AND CONVENTION GIVING FRENCH CITIZENS AND CORPORATIONS IN CHAD PRIVILEGES NOT ACCORDED OTHER FOREIGNERS. C4. FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT VISIT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY GABON PRESIDENT BONGO AND VISITS OF MINISTER PUBLIC WORKS GALLEY. NO MENTION IN COMMUNIQUE OR IN PUBLIC SPEECHES OF CLAUSTRE AFFAIR (FRENCH WOMAN HELD HOSTAGE BY NORTHERN REBELS SINCE APRIL 1974), BUT PRIME MINISTER IN BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING TWO MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUM ON MARCH 5 STATED THAT SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AND THAT MALLOUM HAD SAID HE "WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO OBTAIN THE LIBERATION OF THE TIBESTI HOSTAGES."

5. TOASTS FOLLOWING LARGE AND ELABORATE PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET MARCH 5 LEANED HEAVILY ON HISTORY CHADIAN/FRENCH RELATIONS AND PARTICULARLY CHAD SUPPORT FREE FRENCH IN WORLD WAR II. CHIRAC PROMISED THAT GOF WOULD NEVER FORGET ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR CHAD AND THAT INDUSTRIALIZED FRANCE HAS OBLIGATION ASSIST DEVELOPING AFRICA AND CHAD IN PARTICULAR. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT GOF ALSO HAS BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS AND PROBLEMS. MALLOUM FOLLOWED SUITABLE REMARKS ON DEGAULLE WITH WHAT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY STANDARDIZED THIRD WORLD TYPE FORMULATION GOC FOREIGN POLICY: DEDICATION TO UN AND OAU CHARTERS, UNALIGNED STANCE, WILLINGNESS ENTER INTO RELATIONS WITH NATIONS ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS, ANTI-COLONIALISM AND ANTI-RACISM, AND, SOMEWHAT GRATUITOUSLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 8 ADDED SOME DETAILS TO OUTLINES AGREEMENTS NOTED ABOVE. KAMOUGUE STRESSED THAT FOR FIRST TIME ACCORDS NEGOTIATED COMPLETELY ON AFRICAN SOIL AND FOR FIRST TIME INTERESTS CHAD RATHER THAN FRANCE WERE CORNER STONE TALKS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER AGREEMENT ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE MIGHT LEAD TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF FRENCH

BASE, KAMOUGUE DENIED IT ABSOLUTELY, OBSERVING THAT LOCAL PRESS WELL AWARE STATUS CHADIAN MILITARY AND ITS NEED FOR TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. BUT KAMOUGUE STRESSED THAT CHAD SIGNED MILITARY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE "AS IT MIGHT SIGN (MILITARY COOPERATION) AGREEMENT WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY, GIVEN OUR (POLITICAL) POLICY WHICH EXTENDS IN ALL DIRECTIONS." KAMOUGUE REFUSED TO GIVE EXTENT ASSISTANCE ANTICIPATED, BUT GAVE CHADIAN AIR FORCE AS EXAMPLE MILITARY BODY WHICH COULD NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT IT. REGARDING ALLEGED FRENCH DEMAND FOR RIGHT OF TRANSIT FOR FRENCH TROOPS TO AND FROM DJIBOUTI, KAMOUGUE STATED THAT SUCH REQUESTS WOULD BE TREATED AS OTHER TRANSIT REQUESTS. CHAD WILL RETAIN RIGHT OF GIVING OR REFUSING CONSENT IN INDIVIDUAL INSTANCES, AND WILL DEMAND INFORMATION REGARDING FLIGHTS AND RIGHT TO INSPECT THEM IN NDJAMENA. WITH REGARD TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN CHAD, KAMOUGUE OBSERVED THAT GOC HAD UNILATERALLY DENOUNCED APPLICABLE 1960 CONVENTION, BUT WOULD AGREE TO GOF RETAINING TITLE TO ITS CHANCERY, EMBASSY, AND RESIDENCE OF CONSUL GENERAL. KAMOUGUE REFUSED TO ESTIMATE SIZE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO BECOME AVAILABLE FROM GOF, SAYING TERMS OF AID WERE STILL TO BE NEGOTIATED AND THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THEM UNTIL THE AID WAS EFFECTIVELY GIVEN. FINAL SIGNIFICANT QUESTION DEALT WITH MINERAL RESOURCES. KAMOUGUE NOTED THAT FRENCH NO LONGER HAD SAY IN DISPOSITION CHADIAN STRATEGIC PRODUCTS AND ADDED THAT THERE EXIST IN CHAD SEVERAL FRENCH RESEARCH FIRMS WHICH "CERTAINLY HAVE SOME DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION" IMPLYING THAT THIS WOULD BE PRECONDITION ANY FURTHER COOPERATION.

7. COMMENTS: EMB DOES NOT YET HAVE ANSWERS TO BIGGEST QUESTIONS: WHEN, WHAT KIND, AND HOW MUCH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID WILL BE EXTENDED TO GOC. DESPITE PRICKLY ATTITUDE EXPRESSED BY KAMOUGUE AT PRESS CONFERENCE (AND, WE UNDERSTAND, IN NEGOTIATIONS),
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GOC MADE POINT GETTING CROWDS INTO STREETS AND IN OTHER WAYS DISPLAYING ITS PRIDE IN CHIRAC VISIT, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT GOF MADE EVERY EFFORT (APPARENTLY LOSING ITS CULTURAL CENTER IN THE PROCESS - REFTTEL) TO APPEAR CONCILIATORY. THERE WOULD NOW SEEM TO BE REASONABLE FOUNDATION FOR BEGINNING NEW EAR COOPERATION.DWYER

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